

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appellant(s):	Friddle <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit: 1646
Application No.:	09/975,308	Examiner: R. Li
Filed:	10/11/2001	Atty. Dkt. No.: LEX-0252-USA
Title: Novel Human 7TM Proteins and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same		

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)
REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Petition
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Appellants acknowledge the receipt of the Communication mailed on November 18, 2003 (Paper No. 18; hereinafter referred to as "Paper No. 18"), in which the Examiner indicates that the present application has been abandoned for failure to timely file an appeal brief. Appellants request the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment, as an Appeal Brief in the present case was timely filed and received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("the Office"), as discussed in detail below.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(f), the deadline for filing the present Petition is January 18, 2004, which falls on a Sunday and is therefore extended until Monday, January 19, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7. The Petition is thus timely filed. Appellants believe no fees are due in connection with this Petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

REMARKS

On March 4, 2003, Appellants timely filed a Notice of Appeal, along with a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for one month, in response to the Office Action mailed from the Office on November 4, 2002, which finally rejected claims 1-3. The Notice of

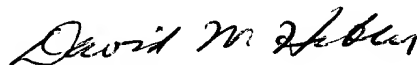
Appeal was received in the Office on March 11, 2003. On June 11, 2003, Appellants timely filed, by Express Mail, an Appeal Brief in the above referenced case, in triplicate, along with a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(c) for one month, as evidenced by the Express Mail receipt (**Exhibit A**). The Appeal Brief and Petition for Extension of Time were received by the Office, as evidenced by the postcard stamped by the Office with the date June 11, 2003, received by Appellants (**Exhibit B**).

Paper No. 18 indicates that the present application has been abandoned for failure to timely file an appeal brief. Given the above evidence that Appellants have in fact timely submitted an Appeal Brief in the present case, it is Appellants position that the present holding of abandonment is in error. Appellants therefore respectfully request the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the present case.

Appellants can find no support to indicate that 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 requires that three copies of the Appeal Brief as originally filed on June 11, 2003 be included with the present Petition. Therefore, given the position of the Office against filing duplicate papers, Appellants have not included triplicate copies of the Appeal Brief originally filed on June 11, 2003 with the present Petition. However, upon request from the Office, Appellants will provide triplicate copies of the Appeal Brief as originally filed on June 11, 2003 to the Office.

Respectfully submitted,

January 16, 2004
Date



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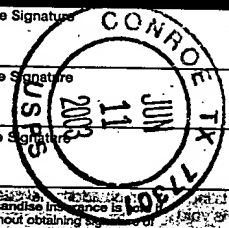
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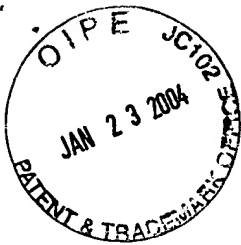
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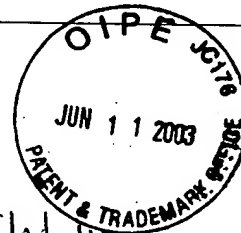
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- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (Original and Copy)
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